



DoD Qualification Program Update

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Qualification Defined

- **Examine and test products, processes, or materials of manufacturers and distributors**
- **Determine conformance to specification requirements**
- **In advance of, and independent of, an acquisition**



Qualification Lists

- **Qualified Products List (QPL)** - a list of products meeting DoD qualification requirements
- **Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)** - a list of qualified processes, materials, and/or manufacturing operations (production lines) that can be used to build a wide array of products meeting the requirements in the applicable specification



Authority

**10 United States Code 2452: “...
the Secretary of Defense shall
establish, publish, review, and
revise, within the DoD, military
specifications, standards and
Lists of Qualified Products...”**



Authority

Federal Acquisition Regulation,
Subpart 9.2 defines qualification requirement as a Government requirement for testing or other quality assurance demonstration that must be completed before award of a contract (implements 10 USC 2319)



Guidance

DoD 4120.24-M: Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies and Procedures, March 2000, Appendix 2

SD-6: Provisions Governing Qualification, August 1999

SD-20: The DoD Qualification Program, January 2002



Benefits

- Streamlines procurement process
- Reduces acquisition costs
- Reduces unit product costs
- Improves readiness
- Establishes sources and promotes competition



DoD Program Scope

- QPLs - Total of 802**

Army	70
Navy	342
Air Force	116
DLA	238

- QMLs - Total of 6**

DLA	4
Navy	2

- NGS (SAE) QPLs - Total of 31**



Policy Memo

- **Policy Memo:**
 - **DoDIG review of DoD Qualification Program**
 - **Clarify terminology**



Future Database

- **Development of a DoD-wide qualification management process**
- **Capability to create/update QPLs online**
- **Emphasis on user requirements**
- **Implementation: 2005**



Internal Audit

- **Purpose:** Health assessment
- **Results:**
 - Many QPLs need updating
 - Certifications behind schedule
 - Many QPLs have zero/one source
- **Bottom Line:** We need to clean up the data before loading it into the new database



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